Foreign assistance received by the Cancer Institute, Madras, Tamil Nadu

1714. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cancer Institute, Madras in Tamil Nadu has received any financial assistance from foreign countries during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Cancer Institute, Madras has received financial assistance from the U.S. Held Rupee Fund for its research project in Acute Lymphoblastic Laukaemias and aggressive Non Hodgkins Lymphomas. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 90,35,900 for a period of 5 years and the first instalment of grant of Rs. 11,27,900 has been received.

No other financial assistance has been received from foreign agencies.

Suicide committed by Bhopal gas victims

1715. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI T. R. BALU :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bhopal Gas victims who have committed suicide so far;

(b) what are the details of such incidents;

(c) whether any enquiry has since been ordered, if so, what has been its outcome; and

(d) what steps have been taken in the past to provide adequate medical treatment to gas victims of Bhopal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Govenment of Madhya Pradesh, only one incident of suicide by Shri Kailash Pawar, a gas exposed on 24-3-89, admitted as indoor patient in Jawaharlal Nehru hospital has been reported.

(c) A magisterial enquiry of the incident has been ordered by the Madhya Pradesh Government. The details will be known after the Inquiry Report becomes available.

(d) Symphomatic treatment is being given to all cases of disease through hospitals and dispensaries of the State Government. The State Government are running 4 hospitals, one Polyclinic, two diagnostic centres and five dispensaries in the gas affected area. There is a special 62 bedded MIC ward in Hamidia hospital. Referral Services are being provided by the Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal.

Loss of Defence Software in the fire in Semi-conductor complex

1716. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether important software relating to Defence needs were also lost in the recent fire in the Semi-conductor Complex Ltd. near Chandigarh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : No, Sir.

Substandard Medicines

1717. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of samples drawn of finished medicines from each State for test during the last three years ending 31st March, 1989;

(b) the number of such samples found of sub-standard quality and what are the names of those medicines;

(c) what are the names of Laboratories where such samples were tested;

(d) whether his Ministry has taken any action against the producers of sub-standard medicines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). Information as available with this Ministry regarding the testing of finished medicines is annexed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 84]

(c) Samples of finished medicines are tested by State Drug Control Authorities in their own State Drug Testing Laboratories. Those States which do not have full facilities or have limited facilities for testing of drugs get their samples tested from the Central Government Laboratories namely Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta, Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad, Central Research Institute, Kasauli and Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, by appointing officers of these laboratories as Government Analysts for their-State/Union Territories.

(d) and (e) Control over the manufacture and sale of drugs is exercised by the State Licensing authorities appointed by the respective State Government. Whenever a drug is found to be not of standard quality, action like withdrawal of the particular batch from the market, suspension, cancellation etc. of manufacturing licence is taken by the respective State Licensing Authorities.

Collection of Subscription for Union/Associations

1718. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Headquarters Letter No. 57583/OS-10A dated the 11th August, 1988 regarding collection of subscription for Unions/Associations, deductions of subscriptions from the salary of the employees and table collections near the pay counters/pay points are not permissible; and

(b) if so, in what manner the commandant of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta has allowed/Ordered deduction of the yearly subscription for Calcutta Ordnance Depot Employees Unions from the salary through their pay sheets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ordnance Depot, Calcutta have been instructed to ensure strict compliance of Government instructions.

Suspension of Cashier of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta

1719. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cashier of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta has been suspended recently for misappropriating huge amount of Government money, if so, whether he has been issued any chargesheet; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) The Cashier of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta, has been suspended and charge sheet, if necessary will be issued on finalisation of the staff Court of Inquiry.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.